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SUBJECT: PEACE PYRAMID II: FUNDING FOR EGYPTIAN C-130
- PROGRAM

REF: (A) CAIRO 11237, (B) STATE 99323

1. CONTRARY TO PROMISES MADE TO AIRA, WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING FURTHER FROM EAF TODAY ABOUT FUNDING OF C-130'S. IN VIEW OF THIS SITUATION, AMBASSADOR TODAY TELEPHONED GAMASY ON SECURE PHONE TO INFORM HIM THAT (A) LOCKHEED NOW SAYS IT UNABLE DELIVER EIGHT C-130'S IN 1978. HENCE, IN ACCORDANCE DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY HE HAD DELEGATED TO USAF, THE OPTION OF FOUR C-130'S HAS BEEN CHOSEN, AND (B) NEED TO MAKE \$33.7 MILLION PAYMENT PRIOR TO APRIL 30 IF C-130 PROGRAM IS TO PROCEED AS SCHEDULED.

2. GAMASY AGREED THAT OPTION OF FOUR C-130'S IN CY-78 IS ACCEPTABLE.

3. RE FUNDING FOR C-130 PROGRAM, GAMASY INDICATED CHIEF OF STAFF OF EAF HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH HIM ABOUT AIRA'S CONFIDENTIAL

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EARLIER CALL ON EAF OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS PAYMENT SCHEDULE (REF A). GAMASY WISHED AMBASSADOR TO KNOW THAT EAF HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH FUNDING OF MILITARY (INCLUDING EAF) EQUIPMENT. THIS, HE SAID, IS HANDLED DIRECTLY OUT OF MINWAR'S OFFICE. GAMASY INDICATED COMPLETE AWARENESS THAT \$33.7 MILLION PAYMENT IS DUE BY END OF APRIL AND ASSURED AMBASSADOR IT WILL BE MADE PRIOR TO APRIL 30.

AMBASSADOR ASKED THAT PAYMENT BE MADE DIRECTLY TO AIR FORCE ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE CENTER IN DENVER, COLORADO, RATHER THAN THROUGH SOME OTHER CHANNEL AND HAS SENT GAMASY THE EXACT ADDRESS OF AFAFC. GAMASY UNDERTOOK INSTRUCT MINR FINANCE PEOPLE TO MAKE PAYMENT DIRECTLY TO AFAFC.

4. COMMENT: WE HAVE DONE ALL WE CAN TO INSURE THAT PAYMENT IS MADE ON TIME, BUT WILL FOLLOW UP AS APPROPRIATE. GAMASY SEEMS AWARE OF NEED FOR PROMPT PAYMENT AND SAID NOTHING ABOUT ANY FUNDING PROBLEM. OUR GUESS IS THAT EGYPTIANS WILL DO UTMOST MAKE PAYMENT ON TIME, BUT THAT IT MAY NOT BE FORTHCOMING UNTIL THE LAST DAYS OF THE MONTH. SO LONG AS THEY DO SO, THIS WOULD STILL SEEM TO BE CONSISTENT WITH PERTINENT CONTRACT PROVISIONS AS WE UNDERSTAND THEM. EILTS

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